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Administration and Governance of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 31 Jan 2026

1. The Governor of Maharashtra is appointed by whom?

- A) Chief Minister of Maharashtra
- B) Prime Minister of India
- C) President of India
- D) Chief Justice of India

2. The Maharashtra State Legislature consists of:

- A) Only Legislative Assembly
- B) Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
- C) Legislative Council and Governor
- D) Legislative Assembly and Governor

3. Which body is responsible for conducting elections to local self-government institutions in Maharashtra?

- A) Election Commission of India
- B) State Election Commission
- C) District Collector
- D) Maharashtra Legislature

4. The Chief Secretary of Maharashtra is:

- A) An elected representative
- B) The head of the state police
- C) The senior-most administrative officer of the state
- D) The head of the judiciary in the state

5. Which constitutional amendment strengthened Panchayati Raj Institutions in Maharashtra?

- A) 42nd Constitutional Amendment
- B) 44th Constitutional Amendment
- C) 73rd Constitutional Amendment
- D) 86th Constitutional Amendment

Answer Key

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

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Remember this simple line: “**Governor is appointed, CM is elected, Chief Secretary is promoted.**” The Governor is appointed by the President, the Chief Minister comes from the elected legislature, and the Chief Secretary is the senior-most IAS officer. Linking posts with their method of selection helps quickly solve MPSC administration questions.

Festivals and Cultural Traditions of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 30 Jan 2026

1. Which festival is celebrated as the state festival of Maharashtra?

- A) Gudi Padwa
- B) Ganesh Chaturthi
- C) Makar Sankranti
- D) Diwali

2. The traditional folk dance Lavani is mainly associated with which musical instrument?

- A) Tabla
- B) Harmonium
- C) Dholki
- D) Mridangam

3. Pandharpur Wari is associated with the worship of which deity?

- A) Shiva
- B) Vitthal (Vithoba)
- C) Ganesha
- D) Rama

4. Which fair in Maharashtra is one of the largest religious gatherings held once every 12 years?

- A) Pandharpur Wari
- B) Nashik Kumbh Mela
- C) Jejuri Yatra
- D) Tuljapur Fair

5. Which cultural tradition of Maharashtra focuses on devotional singing and poetry?

- A) Tamasha
- B) Powada
- C) Abhang
- D) Lezim

Answer Key

1. B
2. C
3. B

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4. B
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Use this memory line: **“Ganpati in homes, Vitthal on foot.”** Ganesh Chaturthi is the most prominent state-wide festival, while the Pandharpur Wari reflects Maharashtra’s deep devotional culture. Cultural terms like Lavani (dance), Powada (heroic songs) and Abhang (devotional poetry) are frequently asked in MPSC exams.

Education System and Universities of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 29 Jan 2026

1. Which is the oldest university in Maharashtra?

- A) Savitribai Phule Pune University
- B) University of Mumbai
- C) Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University
- D) Shivaji University, Kolhapur

2. Savitribai Phule Pune University was originally known as:

- A) Deccan University
- B) Bombay University
- C) University of Poona
- D) Pune State University

3. Which university primarily serves the Marathwada region of Maharashtra?

- A) Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University
- B) Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University
- C) Shivaji University
- D) SNT Women’s University

4. SNT Women’s University is especially known for being:

- A) A technical university
- B) India’s first women’s university
- C) A private university
- D) A rural education university

5. Which body is responsible for regulating school education in Maharashtra?

- A) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- B) Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education
- C) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- D) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

Answer Key

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1. B
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. B

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Remember this line: “**Mumbai is the oldest, Pune is the famous.**” The University of Mumbai is the oldest university in Maharashtra, while Pune is known as the educational hub of the state. Region-wise universities like Marathwada University are commonly asked in MPSC exams—always link universities with their regions.

Urbanisation and Major Cities of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 28 Jan 2026

1. Which city is the most urbanised district in Maharashtra in terms of population percentage?
 - A) Pune
 - B) Nagpur
 - C) Mumbai Suburban
 - D) Thane
2. The rapid growth of Mumbai as a metropolitan city is primarily due to:
 - A) Agricultural development
 - B) Mining activities
 - C) Port-based trade and industrialisation
 - D) River valley projects
3. Which city of Maharashtra is known as the “Second Capital” of the state?
 - A) Pune
 - B) Nashik
 - C) Nagpur
 - D) Aurangabad
4. The Pune–Pimpri Chinchwad urban region is mainly developed as:
 - A) Mining centre
 - B) Agricultural market town
 - C) Industrial and IT hub
 - D) Port-based city
5. Which factor is a major challenge caused by rapid urbanisation in Maharashtra?
 - A) Increase in forest cover
 - B) Decline in population growth
 - C) Pressure on housing and transport infrastructure
 - D) Reduction in industrial activities

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Answer Key

1. C
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Remember this line: “**Ports create metros, industries create cities.**” Mumbai grew due to port-based trade, while cities like Pune and Nagpur expanded because of industrial, IT and administrative functions. Linking the function of a city with its growth helps quickly solve MPSC urbanisation questions.

Power and Energy Resources of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 27 Jan 2026

1. Which is the largest thermal power station in Maharashtra?
 - A) Nashik Thermal Power Station
 - B) Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station
 - C) Koradi Thermal Power Station
 - D) Bhusawal Thermal Power Station
2. Hydroelectric power projects in Maharashtra are mainly located in which region?
 - A) Konkan coastal belt
 - B) Western Ghats region
 - C) Vidarbha plains
 - D) Marathwada plateau
3. The Koyna Hydroelectric Project is constructed on which river?
 - A) Krishna
 - B) Bhima
 - C) Koyna
 - D) Godavari
4. Which region of Maharashtra has the highest potential for wind energy generation?
 - A) Konkan coast
 - B) Western Ghats and Satara–Sangli belt
 - C) Eastern Vidarbha
 - D) Marathwada plains
5. Maharashtra’s electricity distribution to consumers is mainly handled by:
 - A) NTPC

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- B) Tata Power
- C) Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL)
- D) Power Grid Corporation of India

Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Use this memory rule: **“Coal in Vidarbha, Water in Ghats, Wind on Ridges.”** Thermal power plants are concentrated in coal-rich Vidarbha, hydropower projects are located in the Western Ghats (like Koyna), and wind energy develops along elevated ridges of Western Maharashtra. This pattern is frequently tested in MPSC exams.

Minerals and Mining of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 26 Jan 2026

1. Which mineral is found in the largest quantity in Maharashtra?

- A) Coal
- B) Iron ore
- C) Limestone
- D) Manganese

2. Coal mining in Maharashtra is mainly concentrated in which region?

- A) Konkan
- B) Western Maharashtra
- C) Vidarbha
- D) Marathwada

3. Which district of Maharashtra is well known for manganese mining?

- A) Kolhapur
- B) Chandrapur
- C) Ratnagiri
- D) Pune

4. Bauxite deposits in Maharashtra are mainly found in which region?

- A) Konkan and Western Ghats region
- B) Vidarbha plains
- C) Marathwada plateau
- D) Godavari basin

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5. Limestone, an important raw material for cement, is largely found in which part of Maharashtra?

- A) Konkan coast
- B) Eastern Vidarbha
- C) Western Maharashtra plateau
- D) Marathwada region

Answer Key

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. D

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Remember this shortcut: “**Vidarbha = Coal, Konkan = Bauxite.**” Coal mining is concentrated in Vidarbha (especially Chandrapur), while bauxite is found along the Konkan–Western Ghats belt. Linking minerals with regions helps quickly solve MPSC geography questions.

Rivers of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 25 Jan 2026

1. Which river is known as the longest river flowing through Maharashtra?

- A) Krishna
- B) Godavari
- C) Tapi
- D) Bhima

2. The river Tapi flows westward and drains into which water body?

- A) Bay of Bengal
- B) Arabian Sea
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Gulf of Kachchh

3. Which river originates near Trimbakeshwar in Nashik district?

- A) Krishna
- B) Bhima
- C) Godavari
- D) Wardha

4. The Bhima river is a major tributary of which river?

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- A) Godavari
- B) Tapi
- C) Krishna
- D) Wardha

5. Which of the following rivers of Maharashtra flows entirely within the state?

- A) Godavari
- B) Krishna
- C) Wainganga
- D) Tapi

Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Remember this simple rule: **“Most rivers go East, Tapi goes West.”** In Maharashtra, major rivers like Godavari, Bhima and Krishna flow eastward to the Bay of Bengal, while Tapi is one of the few important rivers flowing westward into the Arabian Sea. This is a common MPSC exam trap.

Agriculture of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 24 Jan 2026

1. Which crop occupies the largest cultivated area in Maharashtra?

- A) Rice
- B) Cotton
- C) Jowar
- D) Sugarcane

2. Maharashtra is the leading producer of which crop in India?

- A) Tea
- B) Coffee
- C) Cotton
- D) Jute

3. The Godavari basin is most important for irrigation in which region of Maharashtra?

- A) Konkan
- B) Marathwada
- C) Vidarbha

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- D) Western Maharashtra
4. Sugarcane cultivation in Maharashtra is mainly concentrated in which region?
- A) Konkan
 - B) Vidarbha
 - C) Western Maharashtra
 - D) Marathwada
5. Which type of irrigation is most widely used in Maharashtra?
- A) Canal irrigation
 - B) Tank irrigation
 - C) Well and tube well irrigation
 - D) Sprinkler irrigation

Answer Key

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Use this memory trick: “**Jowar everywhere, Sugarcane where water is.**” Jowar covers the largest area across Maharashtra, while water-intensive crops like sugarcane are concentrated in well-irrigated Western Maharashtra. This contrast is frequently tested in MPSC exams.

Transport System of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 23 Jan 2026

1. Which is the largest major port in Maharashtra in terms of container traffic?
- A) Mumbai Port
 - B) Ratnagiri Port
 - C) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
 - D) Dabhol Port
2. The Mumbai–Pune Expressway was the first of its kind in India mainly because it was:
- A) The longest expressway
 - B) A six-lane concrete expressway
 - C) A fully access-controlled expressway
 - D) Constructed by the central government
3. Konkan Railway is especially important for Maharashtra because it:

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- A) Connects Mumbai with Delhi
- B) Runs parallel to the Western Ghats
- C) Connects coastal districts with the rest of India
- D) Is the longest railway line in India

4. Which National Highway connects Mumbai with Kolkata via Nagpur?

- A) NH 3
- B) NH 48
- C) NH 16
- D) NH 19

5. Which geographical factor makes transport development difficult in the Konkan region?

- A) Flat plains
- B) Sandy deserts
- C) Rugged relief with heavy rainfall
- D) Extreme cold climate

Answer Key

1. C
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Remember this shortcut: **“Ports on Konkan, Roads on Plateau.”** Maharashtra’s coastal Konkan region supports ports like JNPT, while the plateau region has better road and rail connectivity. Difficult terrain and heavy rainfall slow transport development in Konkan — a common MPSC trap area.

Climate and Rainfall of Maharashtra – GK MCQs - 22 Jan 2026

1. Which region of Maharashtra receives the highest average annual rainfall?

- A) Marathwada
- B) Vidarbha
- C) Konkan
- D) Western Maharashtra Plateau

2. The rain-shadow effect in Maharashtra is mainly observed in which region?

- A) Konkan Coast
- B) Sahyadri mountain slopes
- C) Western Maharashtra plateau

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- D) Coastal plains
3. Which monsoon system brings the majority of rainfall to Maharashtra?
- A) North-East Monsoon
 - B) Western Disturbances
 - C) South-West Monsoon
 - D) Cyclonic Monsoon
4. Which district is often among the lowest rainfall districts of Maharashtra?
- A) Ratnagiri
 - B) Satara
 - C) Solapur
 - D) Raigad
5. Heavy rainfall on the western slopes of the Sahyadri range is mainly due to:
- A) Convictional rainfall
 - B) Cyclonic rainfall
 - C) Orographic rainfall
 - D) Frontal rainfall

Answer Key

1. C
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. C

Expert Tip (Easy to Remember)

Remember this simple rule: **“Konkan gets soaked, Plateau gets blocked.”** The Western Ghats force moist South-West monsoon winds to rise, causing heavy rainfall in Konkan, while areas east of the Ghats fall in the rain-shadow zone and receive less rain. This concept is very important for MPSC geography questions.

Native Birds of Maharashtra – General Knowledge MCQs - 21 Jan 2026

1. Which bird is officially declared as the State Bird of Maharashtra?
- A) Indian Peafowl
 - B) Yellow-footed Green Pigeon (Hariyal)
 - C) Indian Roller
 - D) Great Indian Bustard
2. The Indian Giant Hornbill, native to Maharashtra, is mainly found in which region?

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- A) Konkan mangrove belt
- B) Vidarbha plains
- C) Western Ghats forest region
- D) Marathwada plateau

3. Which native bird of Maharashtra is well known for its loud call and is commonly seen in rural areas?

- A) Asian Koel
- B) Siberian Crane
- C) Flamingo
- D) Bar-headed Goose

4. The Indian Roller, a native bird of Maharashtra, is popularly known by which local name?

- A) Hariyal
- B) Neelkanth
- C) Mor
- D) Saras

5. Which native bird species of Maharashtra prefers grassland and semi-arid habitats?

- A) Great Indian Bustard
- B) Malabar Whistling Thrush
- C) Purple Sunbird
- D) Asian Paradise Flycatcher

Answer Key

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. A

Short Note: Native Birds of Maharashtra

Maharashtra is home to a wide variety of native bird species due to its diverse geography, including forests, grasslands, wetlands and coastal areas. Birds such as the Yellow-footed Green Pigeon (State Bird), Indian Roller, Asian Koel, Great Indian Bustard and Giant Hornbill are important indicators of ecological health. Conservation of native birds is essential for maintaining biodiversity and is a frequently asked topic in MPSC and other competitive examinations.

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Bird Sanctuaries of Maharashtra – General Knowledge MCQs - 20 Jan 2026

1. Which bird sanctuary in Maharashtra is famous for the Karnala Fort located within its premises?

- A) Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary
- B) Karnala Bird Sanctuary
- C) Mayureshwar Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Navegaon National Park

2. Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary is often referred to as the “_____” of Maharashtra”.

- A) Bharatpur
- B) Chilika
- C) Sundarbans
- D) Kaziranga

3. Which bird sanctuary is located near Solapur and is associated with the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard?

- A) Bhigwan Bird Sanctuary
- B) Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary
- C) Nannaj Bird Sanctuary
- D) Bor Wildlife Sanctuary

4. Bhigwan Bird Sanctuary is mainly developed around which water body?

- A) Jayakwadi Dam
- B) Ujani Dam
- C) Koyna Dam
- D) Girna Dam

5. Migratory birds start arriving in most bird sanctuaries of Maharashtra during which season?

- A) Summer
- B) Monsoon
- C) Winter
- D) Spring

Answer Key

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. C

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Short Note: Bird Sanctuaries of Maharashtra

Maharashtra has several important bird sanctuaries such as Karnala, Nandur Madhmeshwar, Bhigwan and Nannaj, which support both resident and migratory bird species. Nandur Madhmeshwar is known as the “Bharatpur of Maharashtra” due to its rich avian diversity. These sanctuaries play a vital role in conserving wetlands, supporting migratory routes and maintaining ecological balance, making them important topics for MPSC and other competitive examinations.

Mangroves of Maharashtra – General Knowledge MCQs - 19 Jan 2026

1. Mangrove forests in Maharashtra are mainly found along which geographical region?

- A) Vidarbha river basins
- B) Marathwada plateau
- C) Konkan coastal belt
- D) Western Maharashtra plateau

2. Which creek near Mumbai is famous for extensive mangrove cover?

- A) Vasai Creek
- B) Thane Creek
- C) Panvel Creek
- D) Dharamtar Creek

3. Mangrove forests are best described as vegetation adapted to:

- A) High altitude cold regions
- B) Freshwater river plains
- C) Saline and tidal coastal conditions
- D) Dry desert climate

4. Which district of Maharashtra has the largest mangrove cover?

- A) Ratnagiri
- B) Sindhudurg
- C) Mumbai Suburban
- D) Thane

5. One of the most important ecological roles of mangroves is:

- A) Increasing soil erosion
- B) Preventing coastal erosion and storm damage
- C) Reducing fish population
- D) Increasing desertification

Answer Key

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1. C
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. B

Short Note: Mangroves of Maharashtra

Mangroves of Maharashtra are mainly found along the Konkan coast, especially around Mumbai, Thane Creek, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts. These forests grow in saline, tidal environments and act as natural barriers against coastal erosion, cyclones and floods. Mangroves also provide breeding grounds for fish and support rich biodiversity. Maharashtra has one of the largest mangrove covers among coastal states of India, making their conservation extremely important.

Warriors of Maharashtra – General Knowledge MCQs - 18 Jan 2026

1. Who is known as the founder of the Maratha Empire?

- A) Sambhaji Maharaj
- B) Bajirao I
- C) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
- D) Shahu Maharaj

2. The Battle of Pratapgad (1659) was fought between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and which Adilshahi general?

- A) Shaista Khan
- B) Afzal Khan
- C) Mirza Raja Jai Singh
- D) Siddi Jauhar

3. Which Peshwa is remembered for expanding the Maratha Empire up to Delhi?

- A) Balaji Vishwanath
- B) Madhavrao I
- C) Bajirao I
- D) Nana Phadnavis

4. Which warrior queen of Maharashtra is known for her resistance against the British in 1857?

- A) Ahilyabai Holkar
- B) Rani Lakshmibai
- C) Tarabai
- D) Jijabai

5. Santaji Ghorpade and Dhanaji Jadhav were famous warriors during the reign of:

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- A) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
- B) Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj
- C) Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj
- D) Shahu Maharaj

Answer Key

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. B

Birds of Maharashtra – General Knowledge MCQs - 17 Jan 2026

1. Which bird is the State Bird of Maharashtra?

- A) Indian Peafowl
- B) Yellow-footed Green Pigeon (Hariyal)
- C) Great Indian Bustard
- D) Flamingo

2. Karnala Bird Sanctuary, famous for birdwatching, is located in which district of Maharashtra?

- A) Thane
- B) Raigad
- C) Ratnagiri
- D) Sindhudurg

3. Large flocks of flamingos are seasonally observed in which wetland area of Maharashtra?

- A) Lonar Lake
- B) Tadoba Lake
- C) Thane Creek
- D) Ujani Reservoir

4. Which sanctuary in Maharashtra is specially associated with the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard?

- A) Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary
- B) Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary
- C) Nannaj Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Navegaon National Park

5. Which migratory bird species commonly visits wetlands of Maharashtra during winter?

- A) Siberian Crane
- B) Bar-headed Goose

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- C) Great Hornbill
- D) Indian Roller

Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. B

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1. Which animal is declared as the State Animal of Maharashtra?

- A) Bengal Tiger
- B) Indian Elephant
- C) Indian Giant Squirrel (Shekru)
- D) Blackbuck

2. Tadoba–Andhari Tiger Reserve is located in which district of Maharashtra?

- A) Nagpur
- B) Chandrapur
- C) Gadchiroli
- D) Gondia

3. The Indian Giant Squirrel is mainly found in which forest region of Maharashtra?

- A) Konkan mangroves
- B) Vidarbha dry forests
- C) Western Ghats forests
- D) Marathwada plains

4. Which sanctuary in Maharashtra is famous for conservation of the Great Indian Bustard?

- A) Karnala Bird Sanctuary
- B) Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary
- C) Nannaj Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

5. Which marine animal is commonly protected in the coastal waters of Maharashtra?

- A) Dugong
- B) Olive Ridley Turtle
- C) Dolphin
- D) Blue Whale

Answer Key

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1. C
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. C